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**TO: Chairman Mike Miller and members of the House Taxation Committee**

**RE: SB96 Lower the business and equipment tax**

**Hearing 4/11/13 Room 152 9:00am**

Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) stands in support of SB96 in the sense that MEDA supports a reduction in the business equipment tax, and realizes it is a reduction that will serve as an incentive for economic development. Montana needs to be competitive with neighboring states that have enacted the lowering of business equipment taxation.

While the lowering of the business and equipment tax is an economic development strategy, it is important that local governments are not negatively impacted by the cost of this legislation.

For MEDA,

Tracy McIntyre, President

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